(c) if so, whether Government propose to allow a foreigner to become the Managing Director or whether another very senior Executive Director of the company would be allowed to succeed the retiring Managing Director?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Government is considering a proposal received from the company for the appointment of Mr. Gordon R. Wing, who is a British National, as the Managing Director.

(b) The proposal of the company for re-appointment of Mr. H. J. Voss as its Managing Director with effect from 2.4.1984 has already been rejected by the Government.

(c) The decision on the company's proposal referred to in (a) above will be taken on merits.

Setting up gas cracker complex in Gujarat

696. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Gujarat had applied in July, 1979 to set up a Gas Cracker Complex based on Bombay High Gas;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Central Government have approved Kawas near Surat in Gujarat for setting Gas Cracker Complex;

(c) whether the Central Government had directed the State Government to prepare a feasibility report for the project;

(d) whether the Government of Gujarat had submitted the same report to Central Government long back;

(e) whether it is also a fact that the Central Government have cleared Maharashtra Gas Cracker and Petro-chemical Complex; and

(f) whether the project of the Government of Gujarat has not been cleared so far and if so, by when it is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir.

(f) The earlier application of the State Government of Gujarat for an industrial licence could not be cleared as the availability of feed stock had not been tied up. The revised proposal of the State Government, received in October, 1985, which is based on natural gas condensates as feed stock is under process. The question of clearing this proposal, by way of issue of a letter of intent would arise after issues such as viability of the project, suitability of product mix, assured availability of feed stock and availability of financial resources with the State Government are resolved.

Price control of essential drug

697. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to bring 65 drugs under price control which are mostly life saving and essential drugs;

(b) if so, whether adequate measures have been taken or likely to be taken to ensure availability of these drugs at controlled prices and what are the details of the measures taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) if no such measures have been taken so far, what are the reasons therefor and whether such measures are proposed to be taken now; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS

(SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (c) The prices of formulations specified in the third schedule of the Drugs (Prices Control) Orders, 1979 are statutorily controlled. The Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979 has helped moderate the prices of medicines. The main objective of the New Drug Policy would be better growth rate of pharmaceutical industry and ensuring abundant availability of essential and lifesaving drugs at reasonable prices.

Availability of essential drugs

698. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have framed any policy for the distribution of life-saving and essential drugs adequately at controlled prices in the country; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) if not framed as yet, whether the same is proposed to be framed now, if so, by when; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) The prices of most medicines including life saving and essential medicines are statutorily controlled under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979. Chemists are free to sell the price controlled formulations at prices not exceeding the maximum retail prices fixed by the Government. A number of Super Bazars in Delhi, other Union Territories and States are also engaged in the distribution of medicines. The availability of the medicines in the country is also monitored on the tests of reports received from the State Drug Controller, Zonal Drug Controllers and public.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

पेट्रोल पम्पों और गैस एजेन्सियों का आवंटन

699. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव:** क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान कितने बेरोजगार युवकों तथा अन्य लोगों को पेट्रोल पम्प तथा गैस एजेंसियां आवंटित की गई तथा सरकार इस संबंध में किस प्रकार की वितरण प्रणाली शुरू करने का विचार रखती है ; और

(ख) क्या सरकार संसद सदस्य की सिफारिश के आधार पर पेट्रोल पम्प आवंटित करने का विचार रखती है जैसा कि गैस कनेक्शन के आवंटन में किया जाता है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री चन्द्र शेखर सिंह): (क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान तेल उद्योग द्वारा आवंटित की गई रिटेल आउटलेट डीलरशिपों तथा एल०पी०जी० डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिपों की कुल संख्या तथा इसमें से बेरोजगार युवकों (बेरोजगार स्नातकों/बेरोजगार इंजीनियरिंग स्नातकों) को आवंटित की गई संख्या का ब्यौरा नीचे दिया गया है :—

आवंटित की गई रिटेल आउटलेट की कुल संख्या	कालम 1 में से बेरोजगार/स्नातकों तथा बेरोजगार इंजीनियरिंग स्नातकों को आवंटित की गई संख्या	आवंटित की गई एल० पी० जी० डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिपों की कुल संख्या	कालम 3 में से बेरोजगार स्नातकों तथा बेरोजगार इंजीनियरिंग स्नातकों की कुल सं०
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